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SUBJECT: HIGH- LEVEL GROUP OF OECD OIL COMMITTEE: NEW GROUP
ON OIL SHARING

1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. AT ITS JUNE 12 MEETING, THE HIGH-
LEVEL GROUP OF THE OECD OIL COMMITTEE (HLG) ACCEPTED A U. S.
SUGGESTION TO SET UP AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP
AND EVALUATE THE VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR EXTENDING AND
ADAPTING THE OECD MECHANISM FOR APPORTIONMENT OF OIL
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SUPPLIES IN AN EMERGENCY WHICH CURRENTLY IS IN FORCE
AMONG EUROPEAN MEMBERS. THE GROUP WAS DIRECTED TO
CIRCULATE A REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HLG NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 15, 1973. END INTRO AND SUMMARY.

2. THE HLG CHOSE AS MEMBERS OF THE NEW GROUP CANADA,
THE EC COMMISSION, FRANCE, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY
AND THE U. S. WHEN THE OIL COMMITTEE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
INFORMED ABOUT THE GROUP, AUSTRALIA INSISTED ON PAR-
TICIPATING IN ITS WORK THOUGH IT IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE
HLG. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT COULD DO SO ON A "CONSULTING"
BASIS, FOR THE FIRST MEETING AT LEAST.

3. THE CHAIR OF THE APPORTIONMENT GROUP WAS GIVEN TO
VAN RIJN OF THE NETHERLANDS, WHO, AFTER SECURING
APPROVAL OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, ASKED FOR SERVICES OF
EBEL (DEPT. INTERIOR) AS RAPPORTEUR. REQUEST WAS ACCEPTED.

4. FIRST MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR 31 JULY. SECOND
MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE 30-31 AUGUST (TENTATIVELY IN
WASHINGTON); THIRD WILL BE ON 12 SEPTEMBER (FOLLOWING
HLG), AND FOURTH WILL BE ON 26-27 SEPTEMBER.

5. RAPPORTEUR WILL PRODUCE SHORT PAPER TO STIMULATE
DISCUSSION AT FIRST MEETING. PAPER WILL SUMMARIZE
EFFORTS OF NON-EUROPEAN GROUP TO DEVELOP SCHEME AND AS
BACKGROUND WILL INDICATE HOW OIL SHARING WAS HANDLED
IN 1956 AND 1967 CRISES. IT WILL BE DESIGNED
TO TOUCH ON ALL ASPECTS OF OIL SHARING AND TO ISOLATE
KEY QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE
SHARING SCHEME BECOMES VIABLE. THOUGHTS WILL BE PRE-
SENTED ON A PERSONAL BASIS BY THE RAPPORTEUR, IN CON-
JUNCTION WITH THE CHAIR. GDS
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